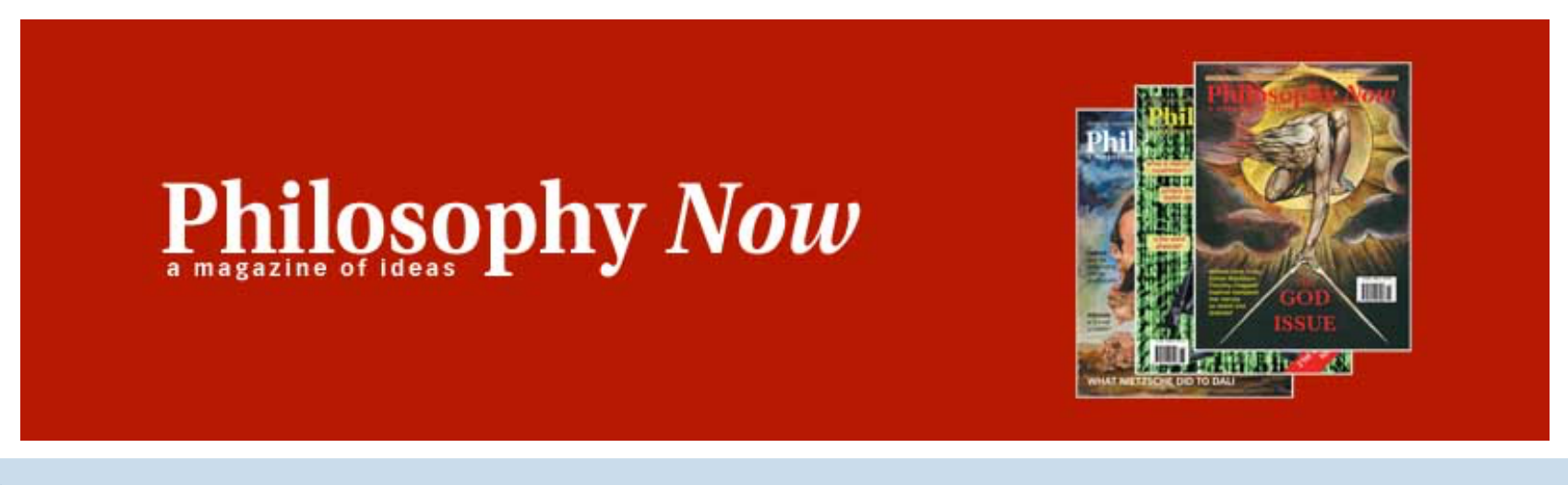

Existence Is Infinite

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Re: Existence Is Infinite

by **Dontaskme** » Sun Jul 02, 2023 5:09 pm

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> If nonexistence is infinite show me nonexistence. Identify nonexistence.

I can't show nonexistence, I can only know it as a concept, as a concept, it is known, otherwise why speak of it as if it is known to not be known ? It's purely a known concept that's all, known by the only knowing there is which is this infinite knowing, infinity itself. It's like how is existence even known if it has no counterpart that differentiates between the two known concepts?

For example: I personally know I exist, because I also know that I did not exist before I ever came to know I existed.

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Anything that is known to be infinite must by definition be all there is which is everything and not one thing more, so by definition, nonexistence can only be existence infinitely. As there is no such existence known as a not-existing existence. The two concepts both are known in relationship together as conjoined twins, as both existence and non-existence. In order to know existence as a concept, the opposite must also exist. Nonexistence is existence, and is unknown even to itself, because it's the only existence there is, there is no other existence apart from existence which is infinite, and cannot be shown or seen to exist, except as concept known.

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> Nonexistence is not finite, either. Nonexistence is not. To any degree.

Finite is a concept known by infinity itself, therefore the known concept finite, is included in this conception known, this infinite knowing.

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Even if ideas are declared to be products of brain chemistry, biochemicals and electrical impulses one could not reach out and touch ideas like one could touch a pineapple. One cannot touch ideas, one can only touch chemicals, fluids or tissues, material things.

In pursuit of truth evidence is gathered and considered. Material, eyewitness accounts and so forth. When truth, if truth is finally determined the truth itself cannot be touched. The truth itself is not palpable. The truth is immaterial. Evidence, materials may be gathered and touched, such materials are often palpable. But the concept, the idea, the phenomenon of truth itself cannot be touched, cannot be physically grasped. Truth is like an idea, a concept, something beyond materiality. Something that concerns material things but transcends them.

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Other aforementioned immaterial things such as love and philosophy along with whatever else may be categorized as immaterial.

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I cannot make your arguments for you. Present your argument.

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The reason you claim to "only know it as a concept" is because it is only a concept. Or word or term. Nonexistence does not actually exist.

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That is precisely the point: It exists. What is it? Existence.

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I never asked for the word nonexistence to be shown, you did. It can be shown as a word only, including the word existence. Words only point to what can never be seen or shown, only known in this conception, a pointing to the illusory nature of reality.

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But I never asked for nonexistence to be shown, you did, as if you somehow believed it was something to be shown and seen, which it can, but only as a word, a concept known by that which cannot be known, without making that knowing knower, a concept known.

For example: If I cannot know nonexistence, then how can I know existence, I know existence because I know I cannot not know existence. so nonexistence doesn't even arise to my knowledge except as a concept known in existence. I know I exist because I know I cannot know that I cannot exist, this is knowledge based purely on conceptual knowing.

As each and every concept arises in infinite knowing, it is known instantly by the only knowing there is which is infinite knowing...alternatively known as consciousness. Which cannot be shown or seen, only known, and that which knowing is known, knows nothing.

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The word "nonexistence", the concept nonexistence are perceived. They are observed. They are interacted with. All signatures of existence, not nonexistence.

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Nonexistence *does not* exist as a word. Nonexistence is not and cannot be. A word exists as a word. The word exists as a word.

The whole or entirety, being existence, has no counterpart. Any other existing would be part of the whole and thus not a counterpart, nor a copy, nor a duplicate nor an equivalent.

This is why it is considered the whole. The whole has no counterpart. To claim nonexistence is, at any capacity, is to attempt to fashion a counterpart which cannot be beside the whole.

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The nature of reality is not illusory. The nature of reality is reality. Illusion is illusory.

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We know existence through consciousness and sensory perception. As conscious beings we realize and affirm existence.

Needing to know some counterpart to know existence is unnecessary and nonsensical.

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The more accurate statement may be "nonexistence doesn't even arise except as a concept, a contradictory concept, constructed in the mind and then projected into existence".

To reiterate what was stated in my previous post:

Nonexistence has yet to be shown, identified or located.

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I agree that concepts in this conception are evidence of existence, but what if concepts never existed, surely the knower of the knowledge of existence is in and of itself just a fictional conceptual character overlaid upon reality, a reality that in essence has no awareness of itself existing as a separate entity, where there is an observer here observing a reality to be out there? That implies two, the observer and the observed ..right? If that were right, then the observer would have to split itself in two, into the looker and the looked upon...right?

We can understand that concepts exist, but we can also understand that they do not have to exist in reality for reality to be...reality is, but for reality to be KNOWN...then concepts are that knowing.
But as I've said, concepts do not need to exist in order for reality to be...for example, a mute animal has no concept it exists, it never tells itself it exists, same with things like the sky or a tree, these things never tell themselves they exist, therefore reality is, but it's not knowing it exists.

Let me ask you a few questions. Has daniel J lavender always existed infinitely? or finitely within the infinite? and if finitely, then was there a time in the infinite when daniel J lavender did not exist, insofar as there was a time when daniel j lavender was nonexistent? ... lets unpack this carefully, we are talking about the knowledge of one's existence here, the knowing...ok?

Who or what is it that knows it exists, that can observe existence? is this observer of existence infinite, is daniel j lavender infinite?

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Here you are asking that nonexistence has to be shown. But obviously I understand, there would need to be an observer of nonexistence for nonexistence to be shown to the observer that nonexistence is self-evident. This is not possible I agree, because an observer cannot witness it's own absence.

So, if the observer cannot witness it's own absence, then how does the observer witness it's own presence and know it? What I mean is can the observer be observed? or in other words, can the perceiver be perceived?

How would the observer show up, what would it look like as evidence of it's show/ presence?

I am digging deeper into the actual location of the observer/perceiver here... can daniel J lavender show himself the exact location of the observer or the perceiver?

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So, what you are essentially saying here, but trying to 'REFLECT FROM, is that some 'immaterial things', like 'ideas' and 'truth' 'consists of', or are 'composed of' some 'things', yet, and amazingly, the other 'immaterial thing' known as 'immaterial expanse' does NOT 'consist of' ANY 'thing').

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you ARE DRIFTING OFF, and MISSING the POINT, but this might be INTENTIONAL here, or UNINTENTIONAL, of course. But considering what the CLAIM IS here, one wonders.

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WHY do you SAY and CLAIM here that 'truth' and 'ideas' are BEYOND 'materiality' and TRANSCENDS 'material things?

Could it NOT be that 'they' are JUST DIFFERENT, and NOT necessarily BEYOND nor TRANSCENDING?

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BUT you HAVE JUST ALREADY TOLD US HOW 'things' ARE here, right?

HOW could 'things' BE ANY DIFFERENT FROM what you TOLD us that 'they' ARE?

By the way, I do NOT pick a 'side', and then 'argue' for 'it'.

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Can you SHOW 'immaterial expanse?

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Can 'concepts' have counterparts?

And, could 'Existence' have a conceptual 'counterpart'?

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Is a 'unicorn' a 'thing'?

Are 'unicorns' an aspect of 'Existence'?

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But to some of us the PROOF OF exists.

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'Nonexistence' allegedly and supposedly is not and cannot be 'what', EXACTLY?

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> Nonexistence *does not* exist as a word. Nonexistence is not and cannot be. A word exists as a word. The word exists as a word.
>
> The whole or entirety, being existence, has no counterpart. Any other existing would be part of the whole and thus not a counterpart, nor a copy, nor a duplicate nor an equivalent.
>
> This is why it is considered the whole. The whole has no counterpart. To claim nonexistence is, at any capacity, is to attempt to fashion a counterpart which cannot be beside the whole.
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>> ...a pointing to the illusory nature of reality.
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> The nature of reality is not illusory. The nature of reality is reality. Illusion is illusory.
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>> If I cannot know nonexistence, then how can I know existence, I know existence because I know I cannot not know existence.
>
> We know existence through consciousness and sensory perception. As conscious beings we realize and affirm existence.
>
> Needing to know some counterpart to know existence is unnecessary and nonsensical.
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>> ...so nonexistence doesn't even arise to my knowledge except as a concept known in existence
>
> The more accurate statement may be "nonexistence doesn't even arise except as a concept, a contradictory concept, constructed in the mind and then projected into existence".
>
> To reiterate what was stated in my previous post:
>
> Nonexistence has yet to be shown, identified or located.

But 'it' HAS ALREADY BEEN SHOWN, IDENTIFIED, AND LOCATED. Well to some of us anyway.

But you could NEVER SEE, nor UNDERSTAND, ANY of 'this' BECAUSE you BELIEVE, ABSOLUTELY, that what you SAY and BELIEVE here IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE. And, WITH absolutely NO 'counterpart' AT ALL.

Re: Existence Is Infinite

by **Age** » Mon Jul 03, 2023 2:07 pm

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>
> I agree that concepts in this conception are evidence of existence, but what if concepts never existed, surely the knower of the knowledge of existence is in and of itself just a fictional conceptual character overlaid upon reality, a reality that in essence has no awareness of itself existing as a separate entity, where there is an observer here observing a reality to be out there? That implies two, the observer and the observed ..right? If that were right, then the observer would have to split itself in two, into the looker and the looked upon...right?
>
> We can understand that concepts exist, but we can also understand that they do not have to exist in reality for reality to be...reality is, but for reality to be KNOWN...then concepts are that knowing.
> But as I've said, concepts do not need to exist in order for reality to be...for example, a mute animal has no concept it exists, it never tells itself it exists, same with things like the sky or a tree, these things never tell themselves they exist, therefore reality is, but it's not knowing it exists.
>
> Let me ask you a few questions. Has daniel J lavender always existed infinitely? or finitely within the infinite? and if finitely, then was there a time in the infinite when daniel J lavender did not exist, insofar as there was a time when daniel j lavender was nonexistent? ... lets unpack this carefully, we are talking about the knowledge of one's existence here, the knowing...ok?
>
> Who or what is it that knows it exists, that can observe existence? is this observer of existence infinite, is daniel j lavender infinite?
>
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> Here you are asking that nonexistence has to be shown. But obviously I understand, there would need to be an observer of nonexistence for nonexistence to be shown to the observer that nonexistence is self-evident. This is not possible I agree, because an observer cannot witness it's own absence.
>
> So, if the observer cannot witness it's own absence, then how does the observer witness it's own presence and know it? What I mean is can the observer be observed? or in other words, can the perceiver be perceived?
>
> How would the observer show up, what would it look like as evidence of it's show/ presence?
>
> I am digging deeper into the actual location of the observer/perceiver here... can daniel J lavender show himself the exact location of the observer or the perceiver?

WHY do I NOT get ASKED ALL of these sorts of QUESTIONS?

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